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Finance and Audit Committee

Economic and Community  
Development Committee

Care Management Organization  
Governing Board

Mental Health Redesign and  
Implementation Task Force

Milwaukee County Comprehensive  
Economic Development Strategy  
Advisory Committee

Milwaukee County Task Force on  
Work Reform for Men

Sports Authority Planning Council

# PEGGY ROMO WEST WIRE

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### Dear Friends & Neighbors,

Happy New Year! Welcome to 2012 and all of the exciting opportunities that lay ahead.

Take some time in this New Year to visit the amenities that Milwaukee County has to offer. Plan a family outing at the Milwaukee County Zoo, visit the streets of old Milwaukee at the Milwaukee Public Museum or enjoy a concert and light show at the newly renovated Mitchell Park Domes. You'll be glad you went!

Wishing you and yours good health and prosperity in 2012. Hope to see you in the neighborhood!

In Service,

You will find the following items of interest in this edition of the Romo West Wire:

- Milwaukee Public Libraries - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration
- US Department of Justice – Voter Rights Act
- Music Under Glass Concert Series
- Are You the Caregiver of a Veteran?
- Interfaith's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pull Up a Chair Fundraiser
- Milwaukee County Department on Aging
- Milwaukee County Transit System Introduces MetroExpress
- New Women's Treatment Unit at Mental Health Complex

### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Clear Channel Local  
Advisory Board

Esperanza Unida Board of Directors

Friends of Hank Aaron State Trail

Kosciuszko Community Center  
Advisory Board

Southside National Night Out  
Planning Committee

United Migrant Opportunity  
Services Board of Directors

Walker Square Neighborhood  
Association

Walkers Point Association

### MILWAUKEE COUNTY FREE DAYS

Enjoy free admission to Milwaukee County attractions. Complimentary admission for Milwaukee County residents only with a valid photo ID on the following days:

**Milwaukee Art Museum**  
FREE on the first Thursday  
of each month  
(includes all special exhibitions)

**Milwaukee Public Museum**  
FREE every Monday  
(additional charges apply for the  
Humphrey IMAX Dome,  
Daniel M. Soref Planetarium and  
special exhibitions)

**Mitchell Park Domes**  
FREE every Monday from  
9:00 a.m. - Noon  
(excluding major holidays)

**Milwaukee County Zoo**  
FREE DAYS  
January 7 & February 4

## MILWAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY CELEBRATION

The Martin Luther King Library located at 310 W. Locust Street will be open on Monday, January 16 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

AKA Upsilon Mu Omega Sorority Chapter will sponsor informational sessions on the new voter ID requirements from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There is a Read-In scheduled from 1:00- 3:00 p.m. Children and their families are invited to participate in this event co-sponsored by the Milwaukee Public Library and the Milwaukee Area Reading Council. Refreshments will be served.

All other Milwaukee Public Libraries will be CLOSED on Monday, January 16, 2012.

## US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE - VOTING RIGHTS ACT

Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act stipulates that in addition to providing all voting materials in Spanish, the Election Commission must provide bilingual poll workers at all polling sites identified as having a large concentration of Hispanic voters.

An analysis by the City of Milwaukee Election Commission reveals that the 34 wards in the 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Aldermanic Districts have the highest concentration of Hispanic voters.

It is estimated that 100 bilingual poll workers will be needed to cover the 34 wards if those participating choose to work a full day (6:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.) or 200 workers if a half day is preferred (6:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. or 1:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.)

All poll workers must attend one of several two-hour training sessions which are tentatively scheduled for the week of January 30 – February 3, 2012. Workers will be compensated for attending training as well as serving on Election Day.

If you are interested in serving as a bilingual poll worker, please contact the Election Commission at (414) 286-3491.



The Milwaukee County Parks Department is hosting “Music Under Glass” on Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Mitchell Park Domes, located at 524 S. Layton Blvd.

### January 2012

- 5<sup>th</sup> WhiskeyBelles- *Country-Folk Trio*  
(Poinsettia Giveaway - limited quantities)
- 12<sup>th</sup> Swing Nouveau- *Big Band & Swing*
- 19<sup>th</sup> Cream City Jazz- *Jazz*
- 26<sup>th</sup> Elvis Tribute Night- *Elvis Contest*,  
\$100 Prize for the best Elvis costume in the crowd!

### February 2012

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Bascom Hill, *Rock and Roll*
- 9<sup>th</sup> Collage and Company, *Smooth Jazz*  
(Great Lakes Distillery Tasting & Martini Specials)
- 16<sup>th</sup> Charles Walker Band, *Blues*
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Liverpool '64, *Beatles Tribute Band* – (Lucy in the Sky Light Show)

### Regular Admission Rates Apply:

- Ages 18 & up: \$6.50
- Ages 6 through 17: \$5
- Seniors 60+: \$5
- Persons with Disabilities: \$5
- Students: \$5 with photo ID

For more information, visit [www.countyparks.com](http://www.countyparks.com)

## ARE YOU THE CAREGIVER OF A VETERAN?

If you are the wife, husband, mother or father, sister or brother, daughter or son, or loving friend who cares for a veteran, the Veterans Administration has a new caregiver program for you.

The VA Caregiver Support Program are caring professionals who can tell you about the assistance available from the VA, help you access services and benefits, connect you with your local caregiver support coordinator at a VA medical Center near you, or just listen if that is what you need right now.

The national number is 1-855-260-3274, our local coordinator can be reached at 414-384-2000 ext 45780.

## INTERFAITH 3RD ANNUAL "PULL UP A CHAIR" FUNDRAISER

Milwaukee County Supervisor Peggy A. Romo West attended the 3rd Annual "Pull Up a Chair" Fundraiser for Interfaith's Neighborhood Outreach Program on Friday, November 11, 2011.

The Neighborhood Outreach Program helps older adults (60+) remain independent in their own homes. The agency assists with transportation, shopping services, minor home chores, paperwork and home and phone visiting.

"Interfaith is a valued partner in District 12, and their advocacy allows older adults the opportunity to stay connected and engaged while increasing independence," Supervisor Romo West said. "I'm pleased I could attend this event to help this great organization fulfill its mission."

The 3rd Annual "Pull Up a Chair" Fundraiser featured a Live Auction of Painted Chairs, Restaurant Tree, Wine Pull and Prize Drawings. Supervisor Romo West was delighted to create a "Dia de los Muertos" themed chair which was auctioned at the event. The winner was Mrs. Barbara Bechtel.

For additional information on Interfaith's Neighborhood Outreach Program please call (414) 220-8646.



Margarita Garcia-Guerrero,  
Stephanie Sue Stein &  
Supervisor Romo West



Dia de los Muertos  
themed chair created by  
Supervisor Romo West



Marlene Ott &  
Supervisor Romo West

## MILWAUKEE COUNTY DEPARTMENT ON AGING

The mission of the Milwaukee County Department on Aging is to affirm the dignity and value of older adults in Milwaukee County by supporting their choices for living in, and giving to, our community.

The Aging Resource Center of Milwaukee County provides information and assistance to help people 60 years of age and older remain active, independent and connected to their communities.

### Contact Information:

Local: 414-289-6874

Toll free: 866-229-9695

TTY: 414-289-8591

### Email:

[aging\\_webinfo@milwaukeecounty.com](mailto:aging_webinfo@milwaukeecounty.com)

### Regular business hours:

Monday – Friday

7:00 AM - 5:30 PM

When you call the Aging Resource Center, your questions and concerns will be answered by social workers who can link you with up-to-date information about a wide array of resources available to meet long-term care needs.

The Resource Center serves as the lead investigative agency for elder abuse investigations and crisis intervention. Resource Center staff can also make referrals for services such as options counseling for long-term support, caregiver respite, transportation, home delivered meals and other community based services.

## 2012 TRANSIT SYSTEM SERVICE CHANGES

The Milwaukee County Transit System will launch a new bus service, the MetroEXpress on Sunday, January 29, 2012. MetroEXpress fares will be the same as riding a regular route - \$2.25 adult cash, \$1.10 for seniors, children and individuals with disabilities. Weekly pass, monthly pass, adult fare tickets, Freedom Pass, CVP and U-PASS are also valid on express services.

### Overview of MetroEXpress

**RedLine (Capitol Drive)** Operating on Capitol Drive between 124th Street and UWM

- Replaces Segments of Route 62 – on Capitol Drive between 76th Street and 124th Street and segment between Humboldt Boulevard and UWM
- Service will operate roughly 4:30 am to 12:30 am, seven days a week

Frequency –Weekday: 15-20 minutes, Saturday: 25-30 minutes & Sunday: 25-30 minutes

**BlueLine (Fond du Lac-National)** Mainly operating on Mill Road, Fond du Lac Avenue and National Avenue

- Service will operate roughly 4:30 am to 2:00 am, seven days a week
- Frequency –Weekday: 15-30 minutes, Saturday: 30-45 minutes & Sunday: 30-45 minutes

*Keep in mind the regular Route 23 provides additional service times (on a portion of this route) which have been coordinated with the MetroEXpress schedule.*

**GreenLine (Bayshore-Airport)** Operates between Bayshore and the Airport

- Replaces – Route 15 service between Lincoln Avenue and Bayshore along Water Street, Brady Street, Oakland Avenue, Marlborough Avenue and Silver Spring Drive. Also replaces Route 11 service between National Avenue to Layton Avenue.
- Service will operate roughly 4:30 am to 2:00 am, seven days a week

Frequency – Weekday: 10-15 minutes, Saturday: 20-25 minutes & Sunday: 25-30 minutes

- The GreenLine bus stop will be in the same location as the Route 80 bus stop across from Baggage Claim at the Airport

### MCTS Frequently Asked Questions

#### What makes it an express service vs. local service?

Bus stops are spaced further apart with express service to provide quicker bus service for passengers. In general, regular service means bus stops are generally placed every 1/8 of a mile. Express bus stops would be spaced every 1/2 mile when there is another bus route on the street. However, when there is no other bus route, stops will be spaced every 1/4 of a mile.

#### Why did other routes change when you added express bus routes?

Some service changes will be necessary with the introduction of express bus service to avoid substantial cuts, duplication of bus service or reductions in transit service system wide.

#### Will bike racks be on express routes?

Yes, all MCTS buses have bike racks.

For additional information on Milwaukee County Transit System routes and schedules, please visit [www.RideMCTS.com](http://www.RideMCTS.com) or call (414) 344-6711.

## NEW WOMEN'S TREATMENT UNIT AT MENTAL HEALTH COMPLEX



The new Women's Treatment Unit at the Mental Health Complex celebrated its Grand Opening on December 19, 2011.

The WTU will provide a safe and caring environment for women experiencing combinations of severe and persistent mental health symptoms, substance abuse issues and significant trauma. Women can either self-select or be referred to the WTU for treatment.

The unit has 21 beds and features include calming earth tones and a sensory room.